

THE INSANITY OUTS

Three official terms of as many county officers will begin on next Monday, the 1st, but only two new faces will appear on the roster. Prosecuting Attorney Myers, whose second term begins on that day, being the hold-over.

Common Pleas Judge-elect H. A. Miller and Sheriff-elect Wm. Humphrey will be the new members on the official county list.

Judge Miller is the first official of this time under the new law creating resident county judges.

Judge Miller is an able and conscientious lawyer, and will no doubt make a just and tactful official. He is a hustler and no doubt will keep the court docket well cleaned up at all times. His first task under his new duties will be the charge to the Grand Jury of the January term of court, which assembly at ten o'clock next Monday morning.

The incoming judge has appointed as resident court stenographer, Wesley Fenig, a former Liberty township boy, who has been teaching stenography for the past couple of years.

Sheriff Fisher is already moving his household goods from the jail residence to his East Livingston street property, to make way for Sheriff-elect Humphrey, who yesterday began moving into his new home.

Sheriff Humphrey, as it will be after Monday, has some advance knowledge of his new duties, which were gained as marshal of this city, but he will be assisted in the new work for several weeks by Sheriff Fisher. His new duties start off with a jump on Monday morning when the grand jury convenes, and he will have his hands pretty full for the first month. Will, as he is familiarly known to all, made the town an excellent marshal, and there is no doubt but what he will serve the county as well. He has shown himself fearless in the discharge of his past official duties, and has a good knowledge of the handling of criminals. We feel confident in saying that he will make good in every way.

He has chosen as his deputy his son-in-law, Herbert Schindler, a former P. T. recovery boy, now an employee of the Green carriage works.

The out-going Sheriff is undecided as to his future business course, but it is probable he will go back to his old business as a contractor and carpenter.

Deputy Sheriff Betz, who also retired on next Monday, has accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Harrison Novelty Co., of Union City, Ind.

Sheriff Fisher and Deputy Sheriff Betz have made good in every respect and turn over the keys of office with the knowledge that they have given a proper account of their stewardship.

The Democrat wishes the incoming and outgoing officials success in their respective spheres of life, and health and happiness.

COURT MATTERS

At the conclusion of the testimony of the plaintiffs in the action to set aside the will of the late Ellery R. Winger, of Union township, a case known as *Adelle M. Patterson vs. Emma (Winger) Murlin et al.*, Judge Mathers on a motion of Attorney J. W. Loree, counsel for the defendants, directed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendants sustaining the will of the deceased.

The following verdict was accordingly prepared by the court and duly signed by the chosen foreman of the jury, Wm. Lowry:

We, the jury, being duly empaneled, find that the paper writing admitted to probate by the Probate Court of Mercer County, as the last will and testament of Ellery R. Winger, deceased, is the last will and testament of said decedent.

After rendering the verdict Judge Mathers said that as the term of court closed on the 31st, the jury had finished their work, and with a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year he excused them.

Judge Mathers last Monday ordered judgment on a verdict for \$10.35 and costs in favor of the plaintiff in the case of *Gray Bros. vs. George Smith*.

The First National Bank were given judgment against Walt Barber for \$37.15 and costs and interest on a cognovit note.

The First National Bank through their attorney W. E. TouVelle last Monday filed two suits against Walter Barber. One was on a cognovit note, in which plaintiffs ask judgment for \$37.15, with interest, and the other on a promissory note on which plaintiffs ask judgment for \$134.10 and interest.

Ira E. Wagner through his attorney, W. E. TouVelle, last Monday filed an action against Leo P. Andrews et al., praying for judgment of \$841.50, with interest, on a promissory note, and foreclosure of a mortgage on lot 13, in Godfrey Heights addition, Celina.

Ira E. Wagner through his attorney, J. D. Johnson, Tuesday evening filed a suit against Frank Benke, as Treasurer praying for an order enjoining the defendant from collecting taxes and assessments against plaintiffs land in Marion township, resulting from the improvement of what is known as Bear Branch ditch.

Judge Mathers Tuesday evening granted a temporary order restraining defendant from doing the thing complained of in the petition, until the matter would be heard before the court, and fixed the plaintiff's bond at \$100.

Clarence Frederick was arrested by Marshal Puncos, Tuesday afternoon on charge of assault and battery, preferred in Mayor Rice's court by Ben Dues. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. He was settled.

THE GENERAL'S REPORT

[By James Arthur Mills.]

General Strunsky withkyvnd

Reported thus to Petrograd:

"Allanichukondize

"Was captured by our cavalry.

"Lalapaasakyvskyvoo

"With pleasure I report to you,

"That the going some, is it not?

"Slaughtering, tottering Tustons, we

"Won a marvelous victory.

"Annihilated a million men.

"Took breath and killed them over again.

"After all this I'm sure you'll see

"A decoration is coming to me."

"General Strunskywithkyvnd."

(Come the reply from Petrograd.)

"Much disappointed in your report;

"Exploit a several million short.

"Amateur wader in rivers of blood.

"We decorate you with the order of mud.

"Use your imagination more.

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The Democrat wishes its big family of readers, their kith and kin, a happy and fruitful New Year

REALTY AFFAIRS

FARMS

Frank Shook, administrator of the estate of Henry Arnold to Mary E. Arnold, 129 acres, section 6, Center township, \$426.25

John P. and Sophia Diener to Caroline Hoop, 64.12 acres, section 25, Granville township, \$500

Albert H. Romer et al. to Guy H. F. Hoop, 40 acres, section 23, Butler township, \$390

Guy P. and Rose Hoop to John Diener, same, \$400

John A. Swartz to Clarence Swartz, 10 acres, section 12, Recovery township, \$1000

Henry Ontrop to Aug. M. Ontrop, 20 acres, section 11, Recovery township, \$1000

August M. Ontrop to Henry and Sophia Ontrop, same, \$1000

Reuben Baker to Isaac Hainline, 6 acres, section 32, Center township, \$900

John Olinger to Inez Bass, part lot 23, Citizens' addition, Coldwater, \$150

Rachael Al, et al. to Julia Harper, lot 457, Celina, \$450

W. J. Manning to Joe W. Roebuck, west side of lots 20 and 21, Maurice's addition, Mendon, \$700

Ell Copeland et al. to Edman Kiser, lot 66, Rockford, \$1500

F. G. Reitz to John H. Sibert, lot 491, Celina, \$1000

David Sowers to Matilda Sowers, lot 33, Mendon, \$1

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DIVORCE MILL EXCEEDINGLY BUSY

Enaline Pratt, through her attorney, Frank V. Short, Wednesday filed suit in divorce against her husband, James Pratt, charging him with extreme cruelty. Plaintiff also says that defendant threatens to do her bodily harm, and unless restrained by the court she fears that he will make his threats true and do her bodily harm.

She prays for divorce, custody of their five children, contingent right of dower and other right in lots 9 and 10, in the village of Macedon; reasonable alimony, and an order restraining defendant from interfering with or disturbing her during the pendency of this action.

Katherine Schneider, through her attorneys, Myers & Myers, on Wednesday filed a suit in divorce against her husband, Adam Schneider, charging him with extreme cruelty. She alleges he knocked her down with a stove shaker and threatened to shoot her. She asks for a divorce, alimony, custody of their children, and an order sustaining the defendant from interfering with her or disposing of personal property.

The couple were married at Salamanca, Ind., in 1890, and have thirteen children.

Judge Mathers, Wednesday afternoon, granted Mary R. Andrews a divorce from her husband, Bert Andrews, and restored the plaintiff to her maiden name of Smelser. The costs were assessed to the defendant.

HOPEWELL LUTHERANS ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS

At the annual business session of the Hopewell Lutheran Church, last Sunday, held after the services the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Elder, G. F. Blisshort; deacon, John Luthi; trustee, Wm. Krogerman; treasurer, John Regedani; secretary, Arnold Hoenle; Sunday school officers: superintendent, John Fahn; secretary, Miss Florence Luth; treasurer, Wilson Meyer; organist, Miss Ricka Fahn.

PERSONAL

Prof. J. W. Fogue, wife and son, Owen, are spending the holidays with relatives at Fletcher.

Mrs. Willis Shirk and baby, were at Portland, Ind., visiting relatives the latter part of last week.

Carl Schellch, of Cincinnati, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ella Schellch and family.

Meyer Weening, who is attending art school at Cleveland, is home to spend the holidays with relatives.

L. E. Brock and daughter Mirna, of Troy, are guests of John Steele and family, Wednesday.

George Hendrick was at Piqua, last Saturday, attending the funeral of a cousin, Miss Elizabeth Hendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peter, of Findlay, former residents of this city, are the holiday guests of Mrs. Mary Creeden.